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## LC LEADS IN EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND MINORITY GROUP ATTORNEYS

The Library of Congress has a higher percentage of women in the total number of attorneys on its staff, a higher percentage of its women attorneys in supervisory positions, and a higher percentage of its attorneys who are minority group members in supervisory positions than any other Federal agency in Washington with a sizable number of attorneys employed. If the Law Library had been included in the survey, the Library of Congress would also have shown a higher percentage of attorneys who are minority group members. The Office of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior recently surveyed the nearly 10,000 attorneys in 26 agencies, all Federal agencies employing over 60 attorneys; military organizations employing only military attorneys were excepted as was the OEO Legal Services Program. Four of these agencies–Justice, Veterans Administration, National Labor Relations Board, and Internal Revenue Service accounted for over half (54.3 percent) of the total number of attorneys.

The four agencies with the highest percentage of their attorneys women were: Library of Congress 21.1, Department of Health, Education and Welfare 16.8, Housing and Urban Development 13.0, and General Services Administration 12.4. The next highest agency had only 10.9 percent women; the percentage of women in all 26 agencies was 6.2.

The Library of Congress also ranked in the top four agencies with the highest percentage of their attorneys minority group members: Small Business Administration 8.5, HEW 7.6, Library of Congress 6.6, and Federal Power Commission 6.3. The next highest percentage in any agency was 4.9; of all the attorneys in the 26 agencies only 3 percent were minority group members.

The Library led again with the highest percentage of their attorney supervisors women with 17.6. Internal Revenue came next with 16.5, Defense Supply Agency 9.5, Federal Power Commission 8.5, and HEW 8.3.

In percentage of attorney supervisors who were minority group members the Library led again with 11.8. HEW had 8.3, Small Business Administration 7.0, and the next highest in any agency was only 5.3.

The survey included only the Congressional Re-

### Labor Day Schedule Announced

In accordance with the provisions of law, the Library of Congress will observe Monday, September 4, as a holiday. All reading rooms, with the exception of the Congressional Reading Room, will be closed. The Congressional Reading Room will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Sunday, September 3, the Library will provide its usual Sunday service. On both Sunday and Monday, the Library's exhibition halls will be open from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.

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search Service, the Copyright Office, and the Office of the General Counsel. The Law Library, which was not included, has 28 attorneys on its staff of 83, the majority with foreign law degrees. Of the 28, 5 or 17.8 percent are women and 6 or 21.4 percent are from minority groups. If these statistics had been included in the Interior Department survey, the Library would still have led the list of agencies in percentage of women on its staff of attorneys, 20 percent instead of 21.1, and would have been first instead of third among agencies with the highest percentage of their attorneys minority group members, with 10 percent instead of 66.6.

## YOUR CREDIT UNION

*by James McClung*

Before you let friendly Sam Supersalesman talk you into buying that new Hudson Hornet with on-the-spot financing available so that you can drive the car off the lot before the ink is dry on your loan application, you should see the people who work at your Credit Union. There you can consult an auto buyer's reference library on almost any question on purchasing, financing, and insuring a new or used automobile. Advice on buying a car, however, is just one way your Credit Union can be of service to you.

**Who Makes up the Credit Union**

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union (CU), an independent, non-profit corporation founded in 1937 and accredited by the National Credit Union Administration, exists for and because of Library of Congress employees who are its shareholders, and the CU members make all the decisions about Credit Union policy and procedure.

The Credit Union's four staff members–James Mitchell, who is Office Manager, Mrs. Laura Curlett, Mrs. Reba Payne, and Mrs. Betty Sweeney–service over 3,100 open CU accounts, which means over 3,100 members, present and former Library employees. And anyone who doesn't believe that the CU staff is working on behalf of Library employees hasn't visited the Credit Union on a payday and observed the many transactions taking place–paychecks cashed and share (savings) deposits made, loan applications accepted, travelers checks sold, loan payments made, money orders purchased–for six hours solid.

CU operations are supervised by a nine-member Board of Directors: Arthur Lieb, President; Peter Watters, Vice President; Ralph Henderson, Treasurer; Mrs. Beatrice Jones, Secretary; Edward Knight, John Kominski, Mrs. Jennifer Magnus, and Jack McDonald; one position is currently vacant. All are Library employees who volunteer their time (with the exception of the Treasurer who receives a small fee for the extra work required of his position); the Board members meet at least once a month. Any employee with a question about CU operations and policies is invited to bring it to the attention of a Board member or to write to the Board as a whole. Board members are elected for three-year terms on a staggered basis, and at the CU annual meeting, open to all Credit Union members, three new or incumbent members are elected each year.

A similar procedure applies to the election of the three-member Credit Committee (with one new or incumbent member elected each year). These employees of the Library, who also volunteer their services to the CU, are Mrs. Patricia Hines, Chairman, Clarence Hubbard, and Hugh B. McNeil; James McGovern is an alternate who sits on the committee only when a majority of the members cannot be

present. The Credit Committee meets every Monday and Thursday to review loan applications, which should be submitted one day before the meeting. [The annual election of Board and Credit Committee members, and their divisions, was reported in the LC *Information Bulletin* of March 10, pp. 97-98.]

*Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Curlett, and Mr. Lieb (top photograph, l-r) review some of the bookkeeping for which Mrs. Curlett is responsible. In the lower photograph, Mrs. Sweeney (foreground) and Mrs. Payne keep busy waiting on two of the many customers that take advantage of Credit Union services.*

The Supervisory Committee, appointed by the President and ratified by the Board, is responsible for examining CU affairs such as auditing the books, verifying share and loan balances with members, seeing that records are kept, and presenting an annual report to the members of the Credit Union. The members of this committee are Thomas E. Gwinn, Chairman, John Husovsky, and Mrs. Mary Smith.

**What the Credit Union Does**

The Credit Union is not a bank—and does not try to compete with banks although it does offer many of the same services. What it can give LC employees, however, is primarily two benefits: a source of credit (or loans) and a place to accumulate savings (or shares) and collect a reasonable profit on them.

At the end of this last fiscal year, or on June 30, there were 1,181 loans among the CU's 3,100 accounts, and the amount out on loan was $1,151,000, a figure which represents part of the assets of CU members whose shares are used to make these loans and whose dividends come from money earned on loans. This $1,151,000 represents only about 80 percent of the Credit Union members' savings as the demand for loans has not been as great in recent months as several years ago. Much of the other 20 percent—approximately $150,000—is invested to produce additional dividends for members.

All Credit Union members are eligible to apply for loans, and to become a member, one has only to make a $5 share deposit and pay a 25-cent membership fee. While the CU cannot make certain types of loans such as long-term home mortgages and interest-free, deferred-payment loans to students, it can and does try to fill the ordinary consumer needs of its members through loans to them for any productive purpose or reason—the purchase of an automobile, home improvements, the consolidation of bills or debts, the payment of taxes, vacations, and so forth. Unlike the department store charge account (especially the revolving variety) which seems designed to keep the individual in debt, the Credit Union loan, it is hoped, will enable the employee both to have money to meet his needs and to become financially solvent. The goal is that, through savings and loans, the member will have both financial reserves *and* a balanced budget.

A few of the CU's loan services are automobile loans (now at an annual nine percent interest, or 12 percent on used cars), nine percent FHA Title I Home Improvement loans (these two are the largest categories of loans), and regular consumer loans (12 per-

cent); all these loans have the benefit of up to $2,500 free loan insurance. Certain other advantages of CU loans are free travelers checks for any vacation loan (in the amount of the loan) and an automatic payroll deduction plan; in addition, the member is charged no penalty for paying off any loan early. The maximum length of any loan is 10 years on a share-secured note and five years on an unsecured one (except for FHA loans which have a seven-year, $5,000 maximum).

The problems of applying for and getting a Credit Union loan are, of course, unique to the particular CU member making the application. The CU Credit Committee cannot grant every loan request nor can it offer certain types of loans (again, for example, the long-term home mortgage), but it can offer the individual a quick and courteous reply to his request and the guarantee that it will be treated most confidentially. Every member's loan application is considered solely on the basis of the applicant's financial status—on such factors as what he earns, what he owes and is paying on current bills, and his record of repayment on previous loans. If a person does not have a good credit record or already owes too many debts, then his chances of getting a CU loan are not good unless he can provide a form of security. One form is to have enough savings deposited in CU shares to cover the amount of the loan, which is obviously not likely if the person is deeply in debt. Another, which the Credit Committee often recommends in this type of case, is that the borrower find someone in the Library who will co-sign the note, a policy which is helpful to many people who are trying to straighten out their finances. Then the employee who is granted a loan may, for example, have $50 deducted automatically from each paycheck with $25 going on his note and the same amount into savings; once the note is paid, the full amount goes to shares and the end result is financial solvency.

To look at the loan situation positively, any Credit Union member—whether he is a successful loan applicant or an unsuccessful one—should be thankful that the Credit Committee is conscientious about its work, and the reason is plain to see: it is that same member's money, whatever the amount he has in shares, that the committee is lending. The member applying for a loan might well ask himself the same question the Credit Committee must ask, "Am I a good risk?" If one remembers that in its 37-year history, the Credit Union has had to write off $90,000 in bad loans, then that question becomes even more relevant.

A final, and certainly important, CU service to its members is the savings program the employee can create through the purchase of CU shares. An automatic payroll deduction plan makes this an easy way for the member to save, and of course, the larger the savings, the more money the Credit Union has for loans or other investments, and the greater the dividend to the employee. As of June 30, the members' assets amounted to just over $1,500,000, and the dividend paid on savings, which is compounded quarterly, was 4.5 percent for the last quarter of fiscal 1972. These savings and earnings, which are federally insured up to $20,000, are shown on the quarterly statement each members receives.

The Credit Union makes a great effort to keep both its members and other Library employees informed about many financial matters. In addition to offering a personal credit advisory service, the CU sends each new Library employee a letter of introduction outlining CU benefits, and it also distributes a monthly newsletter (generally to all Library employees in every department, division, and office) with all types of information to help the staff member make the best use of his money. For example, in the February newsletter, there was an article explaining the right of the individual to know about the credit records kept on him and who supplies the information for them, in order to be sure that this information is kept both current and accurate. The same newsletter compared the advantages of a Credit Union loan for Christmas shopping (at 12 percent interest) over credit card charges which can total up to 18 percent a year interest, while the May newsletter explained what procedure to follow to get a CU loan for a car in order to avoid any delays either in getting the money or the automobile.

If the Credit Union member has any doubts about the savings and loans services of the CU, then he might check with other savings and loans institutions and compare their benefits to those of the CU. When the Credit Union offers him the better service, then the member serves the CU not only by doing his business there but also by recommending the CU to other staff members. If he has any questions, the CU staff will attempt to find the answers for him. These people offer courteous service every workday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on paydays) or may be reached on extension 5852.

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union lives up to its motto—"Not for Profit, Not for Charity—But for Service."

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT CHOOSES HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

### Library-Wide Human Relations Council Formed

As outlined in recent issues of the LC *Information Bulletin,* Library departments have established human relations committees to represent all staff members and to improve communications within each department. With the formation of the Reference Department committee, this work has now been completed, and each committee has elected a representative to the Library-wide Human Relations Council (HRC).

In elections held the week of July 24, the Reference Department chose 24 staff members to serve on its Human Relations Committee, which held its first meeting on Tuesday, August 1, to discuss procedural matters and what course of action the committee would follow as in the formation of subcommittees.

The committee members and their divisions are John Carroll and John Kozar, DBPH; Mrs. Marilyn R. Bland and Mrs. Hortense C. Reynolds, FRD; Mrs. Mildred Balima and Robert Zich, GR&B; John R. Hébert G&M; Maria Elena Dubourt, LAPS; Abram Boni, Loan; Thelma Queen, Manuscript; Mrs. Elizabeth Auman, Music; Key K. Kobayashi, Orientalia; Michael Godwin, P&P; Jack McDonald, representing both the Rare Book Division and the Reference Department office; Edward Green, Science and Technology; Cornelius T. Delaney and Lee E. Stinner, Serial; Albert E. Graham, Slavic; and Mrs. Emily Blue and Clay Wilson, representing Stack and Reader's fulltime employees and Ike R. Showell, representing S&R's part time employees.

Mr. Stinner was elected Chairman of the committee and Mrs. Lillie L. Travers who had been an alternate, replaced him on the committee as one of the Serial Division's representatives. Elisabeth Betz, P&P, and Mrs. Alyce W. Harman, Rare Book, were selected to round out the committee's representation of the department.

The alternates to the Reference Department committee and the divisions they represent are Freddie Peaco and Elizabeth Stroup, DBPH; Kenneth J. Kraft and Mervin J. Shello, FRD; Judith Farley and Ulysses Ricks, GR&B; James L. Golliver, G&M; Mrs. Georgette M. Dorn, LAPS; Ciscero Jones, Loan; Joseph Sullivan, Manuscript; Mrs. Sandra Key, Music; Samuel Iftikhar, Orientalia; George Hobart, P&P; Mrs. Johnsie Smalls, Rare Book and Reference Department office; Lloyd Shipley, Science and Technology;

*Members of the Human Relations Committee of the Reference Department include (front row l-r) Mr. Stinner, Mr. Green, Mrs. Dorn, Miss Betz, Mr. Zich, Miss Dubourt, Mr. Kobayashi, Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Balima, Miss Queen, Mr. Delaney, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Auman, Mr. Carroll, (back row l-r) Mr. Blake, Mr. Golliver, Mr. Boni, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Showell, Mrs. Harman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kozar, and Mr. Godwin; not pictured are Mrs. Blue, Mr. Hébert, Mr. Iftikhar, and Mrs. Travers.*

*The Librarian (left) with the seven members of the Human Relations Council. Standing from left to right are Mr. Stinner, Mya Saw Shin, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Eastridge, Mrs. Ayton, and Mrs. Belmear.*

John Pluge, Serial (An alternate to replace Mrs. Travers has not been selected); Mrs. Helen E. Saunders, Slavic; and Thomas Blake and Mrs. Jean Joyner (fulltime) and Lowell V. Muse (part time), Stack and Reader.

The members of the ad hoc Human Relations Council and their departments are Mrs. Mauree Ayton, CRS; Mrs. Edith Belmear, Processing; David Eastridge, Copyright; George Foster, Administrative; Mya Saw Shin, Law Library; Lee Stinner, Reference; and Mrs. Sandra Turner, Office of the Librarian. Mr. Stinner was elected HRC Chairman, and Mrs. Ayton will serve as Vice Chairperson.

The HRC, which is representative of the entire Library, will consider topics of general staff concern, especially those conditions and situations which if not resolved can or will cause complaint or discontent. Areas of possible concern to the HRC may include methods of strengthening communications at all levels, consideration of general staff or supervisory problems that may exist, and other general matters of Library-wide concern; matters which a departmental committee believes are of Library-wide concern may be presented by that committee to the HRC. Neither the committees nor the council will deal with specific complaints that can be handled through other channels such as the Equal Opportunity Office or the Employee Relations Office. The HRC will make written recommendations or reports to the Librarian no less than four times a year and will arrange conferences with the Librarian, the Director of Personnel, or other members of the Library staff as needed.

## STAFF NEWS

### STAFF ACTIVITIES

**Edmond L. Applebaum, Paul Vassallo,** and **John G. Lorenz** participated in an Institute on International and Comparative Librarianship and Information Science July 31-August 11 at the University of Maryland.

On August 2, Mr. Applebaum, Assistant Director for Acquisitions and Overseas Operations in the Processing Department, served as lecturer and discussion leader on the topic "American Research Libraries and their International Programs."

At the August 4 session Mr. Vassallo, Director of the National Serials Data Program, spoke on the

operations of the program and the function of the U.S. National Center for the International Serials Data System.

Mr. Lorenz, Deputy Librarian of Congress, shared the August 7 program with Robert A. Harte, Executive Officer of the American Society of Biological Chemists. He discussed the organization, activities, and plans of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), and joined Mr. Harte, who spoke about the International Federation for Documentation (FID), in explaining the cooperative efforts of the two international organizations.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Robert L. Kuntzelman** has been appointed to the position of Placement and Classification Officer, effective August 21.

A native of Savanna, Ill., Mr. Kuntzelman attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. Kuntzelman comes to the Library from Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command, where he has served as a Personnel Management Specialist since 1963. At the Command, which has about 3,700 employees, Mr. Kuntzelman supervised the Personnel Management Section with responsibility for labor-management relations, employee utilization, staff assistance and advice to management and supervisors, civilian personnel program development implementation and evaluation, development training, suggestion and incentive awards, and special domestic and social action programs which include the recruitment of disadvantaged, their training, and placement on the permanent staff.

From 1955 to 1963, Mr. Kuntzelman held personnel positions at the Civilian Personnel Field Agency, an Ordnance Field Activity, and the Ordnance Weapons Command at Rock Island, Ill. And from 1952 to 1955 he was employed at the Savanna Ordnance Depot.

During the past 22 years, he has participated in numerous training courses in personnel management and related fields.

He and his wife, Sandra, and their 14-year old daughter, Traci, reside in Arlington, Va. A married daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Black, lives in Lawrence, Kans.

**Appointments:** Jerome Barnes, collections maintenance worker, WG-4, CMO, 2970; S. William Becker, analyst in evironmental policy, GS-9, CRS EP, 2964; Raymond A. Boone, mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 2986; Elizabeth Ann Gullett, library technician, GS-5, G&M, 4054; George D. Holliday, research assistant, GS-7, CRS S, 4000; Robert K. Lane, analyst in environmental policy, GS-9, CRS EP, 2964; Sam Edward Lynch, collections maintenance worker, WG-4, CMO, 2970; Fannie R. Merrick, library aid, GS-3, Share Cat, 2904; Raymond Payne, janitor, WG-1, Bldgs, 11-100; Harrison Randolph, collections maintenance worker, WG-4, CMO, 2970; Kristine L. Russell, editor, GS-5, Cat Publ, 4043; Crenetha Session, librarian, GS-9, Ser Rec, 2831; Arden D. Stannard, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 2832; Beth Ann Wilansky, analyst in public welfare, GS-7, CRS Ed, 2999.

**Temporary Appointments:** Veronica L. Murray, descriptive cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 4071; Frances M. Sims, arranger-filer, GS-3, Cat Publ, 4-500.

**Reappointments:** Lynette W. Barber, card drawing clerk, GS-4, Card, 2832; Philip J. Murphy, assistant to the book room attendant, GS-4, Loan, 2937.

**Promotions:** Cecelia F. Campbell, to library technician, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4014; Boris N. Hayduchok, to assistant catalog editor, GT-11, NUCPP, 2994; Joann E. James, to library technician, GS-5, Share Cat, 4022; Peggy A. Johnson, to section secretary, GS-6, Cop Exam, 4034; Elli Olsoni, to assistant catalog editor, GT-11, NUCPP, 2994; James F. Parker, to federal documents assistant, GS-4, E&G, 4040; Margaret Porter Smith, Desc Cat, to assistant catalog editor, GT-11, NUCPP, 2994; Particia J. Smith, to library technician, GS-5, Subj Cat, 4014; Arnold D. Solomon, Cop Serv, to library technician, GS-5, Cat Publ, 4043.

**Transfer:** Harry A. Sullivan, Cat Publ, to arranging and distribution assistant, GS-3, Cat Mgmt, 2813.

**Resignations:** Christopher T. Anderson, Photodup; Rebecca J. Banken, Subj Cat; Corabell C. Bennett, CRS SPR; Kevin P. Bonner, S&R; Naomi Y. Braxton, Photodup; Norma L. Clarke, Card; Frank Dawson, Bldgs; Mark H. Etzel, CRS C; Daniel C. Flynn, Place & Pos Class; Pamela S. Franklin, Share Cat; Grace E. Harding, Cat Publ; George D. Hill, III, Cop Cat; Helen M. Houff, Cat Publ; Connie M. Isaksen, Cop Cat; Michael S. Jones, Law; Patrick John Logsdon, Loan; Annie Laurie Maier, Pers; Charles L. Mathis, S&R; Romaine C. Pinchback, Card; Britt A. Preyer, S&R; Karen M. Rinta, CS; Raymond Sanchez, Card; Gerald F. Stowell, Photodup; Linda J. Stowell, Mss.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O. Carter** are the parents of a son, Lawrence Oliver Carter, Jr., born August 6 at Alexandria Hospital. Mr. Carter is a MARC Verifier in the Data Preparation and Verification Section of the MARC Editorial Division. Mrs. Carter is employed by the Treasury Department.

The Executive Board of the **Welfare and Recreation Association** has announced with regret that it will not

sponsor an employee art show this year.

The dates and space usually assigned to this annual show have been approved for a Library of Congress Professional Association photography exhibit to mark the 75th anniversary of the Library's Main Building.

## PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRES

Fires, always a danger, are particularly disastrous in libraries and their prevention should be a matter of concern to Library of Congress employees. A major cause of fires is the malfunction of electrical equipment, and for this reason, it is good to review the precautions and steps one should take in the case of the failure of such equipment.

If a piece of electrical machinery begins to smoke or catches on fire, the employee should attempt to remove the power lead (plug) and if unable to do so, he should remove any paper or other flammable material from the vicinity of the lead and the machine. He should also report the failure to his supervisor immediately (LCR 1817.1, Sec. 5). Finally, he should place a notice on the machine indicating that it is defective, and that it is not to be used or plugged into an electrical outlet.

While one usually thinks of electrical fires starting from large machines such as presses and photocopiers, there are actually thousands of pieces of electrical equipment in the Library, and every employee probably uses one of these every day. In addition to such obvious large equipment as the ones mentioned above, there are floor buffers, sorting machines, keypunch machines, computers, and the shelf-washing machine recently described in the *Information Bulletin* [June 23, p. 281]. There are also other smaller machines too numerous to count—typewriters, lamps, adding machines, a few cash registers, movie projectors, and even an electric paper punch. It is clear then that all employees should know the precautions to take in the case of an equipment failure.

In addition to the steps noted above, other procedures that an employee should follow are (1) making sure that all equipment such as typewriters are turned off when not in use, and (2) unplugging such equipment, where practical to do so, at the end of the day, especially on Fridays. Unplugging electrical equipment may seem to be a nuisance, but it is only a minor inconvenience to the employee compared to the major significance of a fire in a library.

## LIBRARIAN PRESENTS TALKING BOOK MAGAZINE TO NATIONAL TRUST

The Librarian of Congress, L. Quincy Mumford, presented the first copy of the first edition of *Historic Preservation* as a talking book magazine to James Biddle, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, at the Library on August 10.

*Historic Preservation* is the 24-year-old quarterly journal of the National Trust. The January-March issue is combined with another magazine, *American Heritage,* for June in the first talking book edition, a combination that will be continued by the Library's Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (DBPH) for blind and physically handicapped readers. *American Heritage,* a bimonthly, has been available for several years as a talking book magazine from DBPH.

Others attending the presentation in the Librarian's office were several members of the staff of the National Trust: James C. Massey, Director of the Department of Properties; Mrs. Helen Bullock, Senior Editor; Mrs. Terry Morton, Editor of *Historic Preservation;* and Carleton Knight III, Department of Publications; also representing the Library were Paul L. Berry, Director of the Reference Department; Robert S. Bray, Chief of DBPH; and Mary Jack Wintle, Assistant Chief for Acquisitions at DBPH.

## AUTOMATION SEMINAR

The Information Systems Office sponsored an automation seminar on TICCIT (Time-shared, Interactive Computer Controlled Information Television) on July 28. The seminar, conducted by Kenneth J. Stetten and Rodney Lay of the Mitre Corp., presented the concept of interactive television as a new and imaginative use of telecommunications in the mass delivery of computer-assisted instruction.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

*Accessions List: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei.* Vol. 7, No. 5. May 1972. (pp. 116-141.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, APO San Francisco 96356.

*Accessions List: Middle East.* Vol. 10, No. 6. June 1972. (pp. 131-154.) Continuing subscriptions free to

libraries upon request to the Acting Field Director, Library of Congress Office, U.S. Interests Section, Spanish Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

*Accessions List: Pakistan.* Vol. 11, No. 6. June 1972. (pp. 44-53.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

*Children's Literature: A Guide to Reference Sources, First Supplement.* Compiled by Virginia Haviland with the assistance of Margaret N. Coughlan. Washington, 1972. (vii, 316 pp.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $3 (75 cents additional for foreign mailing) (LC 2.8:C43/Supp.).

The Library of Congress just published the first supplement to an earlier guide to children's books entitled *Children's Literature.* This illustrated bibliographical listing was compiled by the Children's Book Section of the Library of Congress under the direction of Virginia Haviland, Head of the Children's Book Section.

The new selective annotated list contains 746 titles issued from 1966 through 1969 and older items not available to compilers of *Children's Literature: A Guide to Reference Sources* ($2.50, 1966), which listed materials published through 1965. The new listing describes books, articles, and pamphlets related to the creation, reading, or study of children's books, citing both domestic and foreign publications.

Added to the framework of the earlier *Guide* are two new sections, Publishing and Promotion and Teaching Children's Literature. The supplement also includes a greater number of reference sources related to foreign books. A strong influence on contemporary publishing—the concern for minority groups—is reflected in the selections from the proliferation of bibliographies of children's books centered on minorities in the United States.

The list is arranged by sections on History and Criticism, Authorship, Illustration, Bibliography, Books and Children, The Library and Children's Books, International Studies, and National Studies. Library of Congress call numbers are shown with each title. Appended is a directory of professional associations and agencies that have published titles listed in the new *Guide.* The index covers authors, titles, and subjects.

The *First Supplement* was prepared with the assistance of Margaret N. Coughlan, Reference Librarian and Bibliographer in the Children's Book Section. Two special consultants came to the Library of Congress from abroad to work on foreign language items: Mrs. Helga Mach, Instructor in Children's Literature at the Süddeutsches Bibliothekar-Lehrinstitut at Stuttgart, West Germany, for works in German, Czech, and Polish; and Mrs. Lisa-Christian Persson, children's library specialist at the Bibliolekstjänst at Lund, Sweden, for Scandinavian works. Reference librarians on the staff of the Library of Congress and a number of children's book specialists in the United States and abroad also assisted in various ways.

The Library of Congress plans regular supplements to the first volume at perhaps five-year intervals and the occasional issuances of a complete revision of the basic *Guide* of 1966.

The publication may be purchased *in person* at the Information Counter, Main Building, Library of Congress, for $3.

*Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions.* 92nd Congress, 2nd Session. Cumulative issue No. 3. 1972. (Various pagings.) (LC 14.6:92-2/1-4) and Supplement No. 1 to Cumulative issue No. 3. (Various pagings.) (LC 14.6:92-2/1-4/Supp. 1) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $10 for Cumulative issue No. 3 for 55 cents for the supplement, or for $50 a session, domestic, and $62.50 a session, foreign.

*LC Classification—Additions and Changes.* List 166. April-June 1972. (138 p.) For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541 at $20 a year.

*New Serial Titles—Classed Subject Arrangement.* July 1972. (33 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress. For sale by the Card Division for $25 a year.

## NEW REFERENCE BOOKS

*The modern History of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa; A Select and Annotated Bibliography,* by Harold G. Marcus (Stanford, Calif., Hoover Institution Press, Stanford University, 1972. 641 p.) has been issued as Number 56 in the *Hoover Institution Bibliographical Series.* The compiler indicates that the general arrangement "follows a geographical west to east movement across Europe" covering journal articles by English, French, Italian, German, and other authors. There are 2,042 entries from 151 periodicals relating to the history of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa in the 19th and early 20th centuries,

with the most recent entries dated ca. 1914. The majority of the periodicals are European geographical journals including some not generally available in American libraries. Among those analyzed are *Transactions* of the Bombay Geographical Society, *Scottish Geographical Magazine, Bulletin* of the Société Royale Belge de Géographie, *Bollettino* of the Societa Geographica Italiana, and *Petermanns Geographische Mitteilungen.* Within each national category, individual entries are arranged by author or title and include annotations of the contents. Listings of those journals analyzed and of books cited in the bibliography are given in appendixes, and there are indexes to authors, geographic names, proper nouns other than authors, and subjects.

This guide will be of particular interest to the geographer and historian studying Ethiopia and the Horn. For the librarian, it will be a useful reference tool in covering inquiries on the personalities and places of this region in the 19th century. It is for sale at $30 a copy from the Hoover Institution Press, Stanford, Calif. 94305. A copy is available for consultation in the African Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division. [*John B. Howell*]

A notable addition to the reference collection of the Law Library is the looseleaf series *Constitutions of the Countries of the World,* edited by Albert P. Blaustein and Gisbert H. Flanz (Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., Oceana Publications, Inc., 1971). The latest of several constitutional compilations, this series aims at comprehensive and continuous coverage in looseleaf form of the constitutions of all the world's countries. Each of the pamphlets of which it is comprised contains the constitution of one nation in English translation, a chronology highlighting major events in the constitutional history of the country, and an annotated bibliography of various types of sources. By March 1, 1973, the editors hope to have provided basic coverage of all presently effective constitutions, with the series at that point consisting of an estimated 10,000 pages in 10 volumes. Supplements updating previously printed materials will be issued periodically; if, as the editors suggest in their introduction, the materials which these supplements supersede are retained, the usefulness of the series will be even greater.

At this writing four binders, containing looseleaf coverage of 48 nations, have been received by the Law Library. Because the editors attempted to publish first the most recent constitutions not available previously in English translation, these 48 nations are for the most part African, Near Eastern, and Southeast Asian states. The four binders are on the reference shelves of the Anglo-American Law Reading Room. [*Kathryn A. Huan*]

## NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### Assistant Director of Columbia Libraries Dies

Charles W. Mixer, Assistant Director for Special Collections at the Columbia University Libraries, died August 9 at St. Luke's Hospital in New York. He was 66.

Mr. Mixer joined the Columbia Library staff in 1946 and held a wide range of administrative responsibilities. He was Head of the University's East Asian Library until 1968, when he was put in charge of the Department of Special Collections, which contains Columbia's large holdings of rare books, manuscripts, and historic papers.

Mr. Mixer was born in Salt Lake City and was graduated from Harvard College in 1928. He received a second bachelor's degree, this one in library science from Columbia University, in 1934.

His professional career began at the Library of Congress, and continued at the District of Columbia Public Library; he was named Librarian of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1938 and served there until going to Columbia. He served with the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945.

### Simmons College Offers Advanced

Simmons College School of Library Science in Boston will offer four new advanced courses and group seminars for practicing librarians and library administrators during the academic year 1972-73. Kenneth R. Shaffer, Director of the School of Library Science, in announcing the new courses, emphasized that they are intended particularly to meet the continuing education needs of employed librarians in the New England region who seek opportunities for intensive advanced study.

Research Techniques will be offered in the fall semester of 1972-73. The courses Advanced Problems in School Media Center Administration, Contemporary Management Theory, and Government Documents, will be offered in the spring semester.

Enrollment in all four courses, while limited, is open to employed librarians who hold a graduate degree in library science or its equivalent in terms of education and experience. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Assistant, School of Library Science, Simmons College, Boston, Mass. 02115.

**ASIS Meeting Program Announced**

Charles Stevens, Executive Director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, will moderate a technical session devoted to Libraries and International Information Exchange at the October 23-26 annual meeting of the American Society for Information Science. The session is scheduled for Tuesday morning, October 24.

Guenther Reichardt, Bibliothek der Kernforschungsanlage Juelich, Germany, will present the keynote address, "Use of Available Information Systems by Special Libraries." Louis Vagianos, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, will highlight an appropriate posture for ASIS in a presentation titled "The Role of Library and Information Associations in the International Arena." Rose Vainstein, University of Michigan will be concerned with standardization and Uri Bloch, Ministry of Defense, Haifa, Israel will discuss the implications of new technology on library networking.

M. Sassoli, Bank for International Settlements, Basle, Switzerland, will join with Lawrence Papier, U.S. Office of Education, and Paul Vassallo, Library of Congress, as reactors.

Questions regarding the October 24 meeting may be directed to Frank Kurt Cylke, Executive Secretary of the Federal Library Committee, who is serving as program chairman, at Federal Library Committee, Room 310, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

**ASIS Publications Director Appointed**

J. I. Smith has been appointed Director of the new American Society for Information Science (ASIS) Publications Program. Mr. Smith will also continue as Associate Director of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Library and Information Science, which is operated for the U.S. Office of Education by ASIS.

Mr. Smith was graduated from Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, and attended the University of Akron Law School. He served from 1965 to 1969 concurrently as Director of the State Technical Services Program for Northern Ohio and Assistant Director for Operations of the Center for Information Systems, University of Akron. He served as an Editor with the Databook Division of Plenum Publishing Corp., New York, before becoming Associate Director of ERIC/CLIS in April 1970.

The new Publications Program, approved by the ASIS Council in January, is a major step in the ASIS effort to expand its services to its members and to the profession by helping to fill the need for more and better publications about information science.

**Eileen D. Cooke Named ALA Washington Head**

Eileen D. Cooke has been named Director of the Washington office of the American Library Association. Miss Cooke, who is succeeding Germaine Krettek upon her retirement this fall, served as Assistant Director of the Washington office from 1964 to 1968, as Associate Director for a year, and as Deputy Director since 1969.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Miss Cooke holds a degree in library science from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn.; she worked at the Minneapolis Public Library from 1952 to 1957 and again from 1958 until 1963. In the interim she was Branch Assistant at the Queens Borough (N.Y.) Public Library.

**National Library of Agriculture Publishes Catalog**

The National Agricultural Library has published a quinquennial edition of its monthly *National Agricultural Library Catalog, 1966-1970.* The first eight volumes containing the name entries will be ready in October 1972. The remaining four volumes will be available in 1973.

The *National Agricultural Library Catalog, 1966-1970* supplements the 73-volume *Dictionary Catalog of the National Agricultural Library, 1862-1965.* This quinquennial edition of the monthly catalog contains entries for all books, periodicals, and serials cataloged by the National Agricultural Library since January 1966.

Subject fields covered include not only general agriculture but also such fields as chemistry, botany, veterinary medicine, forestry, entomology, agricultural economics, and agricultural statistics. The Library acquires publications of interest from all parts of the world.

The Catalog is available for $35 from the publisher Rowman and Littlefield, 81 Adams Dr., Totowa, N.J. 07512. When ordering, note the Standard Book Number ISBN 0-87471-016-2.

**Foreign Law Periodicals Placed on Union List**

The Tarlton Law Library of the University of Texas Law School has announced the publication of the second revised and enlarged edition of the *Union List of Foreign Legal Periodicals of the Southwestern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.* Compiled by Guido F. Olivera, the *Union List* consists of 800 titles, representing the holdings of 20 participating libraries. Arranged in alphabetical order

by title, this edition adds 217 new and additional titles in comparative and foreign law to those listed in the first edition of 1970. The 92-page work may be purchased for $10 by writing to Don Zedler, Tarlton Law Library, 2500 Red River, Austin, Tex. 78705. Checks should be made payable to the University of Texas Law School Foundation.

**Arts Programs Booklet Issued**

The National Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts have published a booklet entitled *Our Programs* designed to help interested individuals and organizations determine if the National Endowment has a program under which they might recieve assistance. The publication also contains important sections on general eligibility requirements, and a lengthy introduction outlining the history of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Copies of *Our Programs* may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $1 each (GPO Stock No. 3600-0011).